

Remarks

I. Restriction Requirement

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 16 and 17, drawn to a DJ11 polypeptide comprising a Kunitz-type protease inhibitor domain or a biologically active portion thereof, classified in class 530, subclass 300; and

Group II: Claims 8-11 and 24-28, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a DJ11 polypeptide or a biologically active fragment thereof; or an expression cassette comprising the nucleic acid, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, and class 435, subclass 320.1.

In response, Applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of claim group I, claims 1-7, 16 and 17, without traverse. Non-elected claims 8-11 and 24-28 are cancelled.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims of Group II.


II. Amendments

Non-elected claims 8-11 and 24-28 stand cancelled.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4410.

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